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**Amendments to the Claims:** 

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the

application.

**Listing of Claims:** 

1. (Currently Amended) A working mechanism for a construction machine

having a first boom mounted on a vehicle body of a construction machine as to be

rotatable to the upper and lower sides; a second boom mounted on a distal end of

said first boom as to be swingable to the left and right sides; a third boom mounted

on a distal end of said second boom as to be swingable to the left and right sides; an

arm mounted on said third boom as to be rotatable to the upper and lower sides and

having a working tool is mounted on the distal end thereof; and an offset cylinder

which is arranged between said first boom and said second boom to swing said

second boom to the left and right sides at the distal end of said first boom,

characterized in that said working mechanism for a construction machine comprises:

a parallel support member formed by a pair of links, which are connected

between said first boom and said third boom and which are respectively arranged at

left and right positions, is provided on said second boom, and said third boom is se

supported by said parallel support member so as to be parallel to said first boom

when said offset cylinder is extended or retracted;

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each of said links that constitute said parallel support member has a base end rotatably connected to said first boom by use of a first joint pin and a distal end rotatably connected to said third boom by use of a second joint pin;

a first pin hole into which said first hole joint pin is inserted is formed in said
base end of said link, and a second pin hole into which said second joint pin is
inserted is formed in said distal end of said link, and wherein

one of said first and second pin holes is formed as an oversized hole that said first or second joint pin is inserted into whereby said first or second pin is movable in the longitudinal direction of said link.

## 2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A working mechanism for a construction machine having a first boom mounted on a vehicle body of a construction machine as to be rotatable to upper and lower sides; a second boom mounted on a distal end of said first boom as to be swingable to left and right sides; a third boom mounted on a distal end of said second boom to be swingable to left and right sides; an arm mounted on said third boom to be rotatable to the upper and lower sides and having a working tool mounted on the distal end thereof; and an offset cylinder which is arranged between said first boom and said second boom to swing said second boom to the left

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and right sides at the distal end of said first boom; characterized in that said working mechanism for a construction machine comprises:

a parallel support member formed by a pair of links, which are connected

between said first boom and said third boom and which are respectively arranged at

left and right positions, is provided on said second boom, and said third boom is

supported by said parallel support member so as to be parallel to said first boom

when said offset cylinder is extended or retracted;

each of said links that constitute said parallel support member is composed that has a base end is rotatably connected to said first boom by use of enea first joint pin and a distal end is rotatably connected to said third boom by use of another a second joint pin;

a <u>first</u> pin hole <u>that said</u> into which said first joint pin is inserted is formed in said first boom, <u>while a and a second</u> pin hole <u>that said another into which said</u> second joint pin is inserted is formed in said third boom; and

one of said twofirst and second pin holes is formed as a pin movablean oversized hole that said first or second joint pin is inserted into whereby said first or second pin is movable in the a longitudinal direction of said link.

4. (Currently Amended) A working mechanism for a construction machine as defined in-claim 2 claim 1, wherein said pin movable oversized hole is formed as a long an elongated hole extended in thea longitudinal direction of said link.

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5. (Currently Amended) A working machine for a construction machine as defined in claim 2 claim 1, wherein said pin movable oversized hole is formed as a large-diameter hole having a diameter larger than the an outer diameter of said first or second joint pin.

- 6. (Original) A working mechanism for a construction machine as defined in claim 1, wherein said links that constitute said parallel support member are formed by rod members.
- 7. (Currently Amended) A working mechanism for a construction machine having a first boom mounted on a vehicle body of a construction machine as to be rotatable to upper and lower sides; a second boom mounted on a distal end of said first boom as to be swingable to left and right sides; a third boom mounted on a distal end of said second boom as to be swingable to the left and right sides; an arm mounted on said third boom to be rotatable to the upper and lower sides and having a working tool mounted on the distal end thereof; and an offset cylinder which is arranged between said first boom and said second boom to swing said second boom to the left and right sides at the distal end of said first boom, characterized in that said working mechanism for a construction machine comprises:

a parallel support member formed by a pair of links, which are connected between said first boom and said third boom and which are respectively arranged at

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left and right positions, is provided on said second boom, and said third boom is

supported by said parallel support member so as to be parallel to said first boom

when said offset cylinder is extended or retracted; and

said links that constitute said parallel support members are memberseither

chains or wire cables, located between said first boom and said third boom, that

receive a force in a pulling direction and that are flexible for accepting a force in the a

compression direction.

8. (Canceled)

9. (New) A working mechanism for a construction machine as defined in claim 3,

wherein said oversized hole is formed as an elongated hole extended in a

longitudinal direction of said link.

10. (New) A working machine for a construction machine as defined in claim 3,

wherein oversized hole is formed as a large-diameter hole having a diameter larger

than an outer diameter of said first or second joint pin.

11. (New) A working mechanism for a construction machine as defined in claim 3,

wherein said links that constitute said parallel support member are formed by rod

members.

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